

To the Editor of the Herald.

The reader having been edited by a portion of smut from a certain fact, is revolted, corrected and satisfied, nevertheless at one end and upset at the other. I could wish the favor of a re-publication of Capt. Gulliver's account of the "Terrible explosion," that my friends may be satisfied of its fair proportion. Your readers will no doubt feel grateful for such a favor.

TIM BASSWOOD

TELENOUS EXPLOSION

No Lives Lost

On the night of Sunday, the 24th last, at nine minute past 12 o'clock just in time to escape a branch of the Sabbath, a most extraordinary and unprecedented explosion took place at the gas factory of Messrs. Tracy & Dicker, near a certain iron foundry on East Creek, in the school District in this town. The gas generator which drives an engine of great power, collapsed like a spreading devil's own and ruin for miles around, bringing down the cap of Pico and one of the great bald mountains, knocking down trees at the tenth and part of the junction of the mouth of East Creek, rending up many rods of a certain way laid out and continued, and thus fully exposing the fair face of nature under the fragments of his. Tim Basswood, an X selectman, the P.M., and son of one or two more unimportant gas mile posts were thrown away in meadow lands, and fell into a certain cave of Pico, where they were found snugly encamped with the "Old Man of the Mountain," nestled in a cocked hat, and yet how strange it may appear, not having suffered any loss of broken bones or a fracture of the skin was to be found on either of unimportant persons. The editor of the Union Whig got doused with a little water, an X selectman with a quantity of mud, and all.

In a darting course in the direction of the village, it passed over the "purple," and unburned covered the "side road" with a sulphurous false-hood,—causing to powder the magazine of the press, and cut loose a shudder, bounded up an instant, and did not stop till it reached the top of the hill mounting, knocking down trees at the tenth and part of the junction of the mouth of East Creek, rending up many rods of a certain way laid out and continued, and thus fully exposing the fair face of nature under the fragments of his. Tim Basswood, an X selectman, the P.M., and son of one or two more unimportant gas mile posts were thrown away in meadow lands, and fell into a certain cave of Pico, where they were found snugly encamped with the "Old Man of the Mountain," nestled in a cocked hat, and yet how strange it may appear, not having suffered any loss of broken bones or a fracture of the skin was to be found on either of unimportant persons. The editor of the Union Whig got doused with a little water, an X selectman with a quantity of mud, and all.

WASHINGON, April 13.—The Hon. Henry Clay was complimented in his birth night last evening with a brilliant serenade, with which the great statesman was highly delighted and in a few happy and touching remarks returned thanks to the citizens of Washington for their long continued regard and esteem and hoped they might long live to enjoy the blessings of this glorious Union. His speech was highly patriotic and eloquent, and was received with immense enthusiasm.

DEATH OF THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—Hon. T. J. Campbell, Clerk of the House of Representatives, breathed his last the 16th inst., at one o'clock. The arrangements for his funeral have not yet been determined upon.

[Mr. Campbell was a man of middle age, and was usually considered of a good constitution. He formerly represented one of the districts of the State of Tennessee in Congress. He was made Clerk of the thirtieth Congress by the M. S. Library Committee, and subsequently by the present Congress. His place is an important one, and second only to that of the Speaker.]

The cause of the explosion is attributed entirely in the smut pipe. It appears that the smut pipe was an old one that had served a long time in the smut factory Loxford & Co., on the same premises, subsequently by the M. S. Library Committee, and subsequently by the present Congress. His place is an important one, and second only to that of the Speaker.]

Mrs. HOWARD, THE HEROINE OF THE CINCINNATI TRAGEDY, AND HER CHILDREN.—The famed Mrs. Howard, who killed the paramour of her husband, in Cincinnati, some time since, has, since the death of that husband, obtained possession of her children.—According to our information, she gained access to the little girl, who was at a convent, by pledging her word that she would use no illegal or forcible means to get possession of the child. The guardian of the children was not at home when the application was made at his residence, but under this solemn promise, his lady consented to accompany Mrs. Howard to the convent. When they had arrived there, the Lady Superior, by request, brought forward the child, when the mother seizing it threw aside her shawl, and exposed a belt of pistols, declaring her intention to carry off her child at all hazards, and saying, "I have killed one woman and can kill others if I am opposed!" The ladies, struck with consternation, made no resistance, and soon after, Mrs. Howard with her child, entered a carriage and departed. Returning to the house of the guardian, Mrs. Howard, and her male friend—who seemed to be a passive spectator of what was going on—met with the little boy when he too was taken possession of, and carried off. Howard was divorced from his wife in 1849, in Kentucky, at which time the court decreed him the guardianship of his children. The mother afterwards obtained them by stratagem, but finally relinquished the boy to his father by the payment of \$8000. The girl was more recently obtained from her in a similar manner.

[St. Louis Union.]

NEW MEXICO.—The Washington correspondent of the New York Commercial Advertiser says that, advised of an authentic character, received within a few days authorise the execution that the inhabitants of New Mexico will speedily hold a convention against a constitution, and apply for admission as a State to the Union, and that is still more remarkable, that the constitution will contain an express prohibition of slavery. All this is expected to take place before the adjournment of the present Congress.

A NEW PLAN OF COLONIZATION.—Mr. Joseph Bryant of Alabama has petitioned Congress to build four first rate steamships, each ship to make four trips per annum from the Atlantic ports and Permanence to Liberia.—The objects specified are, 1st, the suppression of the African slave trade; 2d, the carrying the mails between the United States and the Republic of Liberia; and 3d, to promote the emigration of free persons of color to Liberia. This is in pursuance of the plan to colonize Liberia from the United States, and make it a sort of black colony of the United States for the residence of free people of color.

It is likely that, hereafter, the South will press for appropriations to encourage black emigration when appropriations for rivers harbors are asked for the North. It is said this proposal has the sanction of Colonization Society.—[N. Y. Express.]

NOTICE.—VERMONTERS IN CALIFORNIA.—We learn that the wife of Capt. John Hale of Hubbardton, has received a letter from the State of California, reporting the death of her husband by drowning in the Sacramento river.

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